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SUBJ: SITUATION IN SAVANNAKHET

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1. AT 1100 SANDY STONE CALLED ACTING USAID DIRECTOR RAMSEY TO INFORM HIM THAT DEMONSTRATORS WERE HOLDING FLYNN AND HAD TAKE LITVINAS TO PUBLIC WORKS HEADQUARTERS. DEMONSTRATORS WERE AT FLYNN'S HOUSE AND HIS WIFENF THAI ORIGIN WAS TERRIFIED.

2. I IMMEDIATELY CALLED THE MINISTER OF INTERIOR PHENG PHONGSAVAN, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS PHOUMI VONGVICHIT, AND SPOKE WITH PRIME MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET KAMSING.

I PRESSED HARD ON THE FACT THUD THIS SITUATION HAD BEEN ALLOWED TO SIMMER FOCNEARLY A WEEK DESPITE OUR PROTESTS

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AND THAT AMERICANS WERE IN FACT HOSTAGES OF PROBLEM

THAT WAS PURELY INTERNAL TO LAOS. I EXPLICITLY ASKED THAT THE TWO MINISTERS FLY TO SAVANNAKHET TODAY. THERE IS EVIDENTLY A PROBLEM OF COMMUNICATIONS WITHIN THE CABINET AS I HAVE NOT YET RECEIVED CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF THE SITUATION. PHENG SAID THAT HE HAD RECEIVED REPORT FROM COLONEL SOMBOUN THIS MORNING AND HE AND DEAUNE WOULD BE LEAVING TOMORROW. PHOUMI SAID THAT HE HAD ASKED DEAUNE TO SPEAK TO PHENG BUT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT PHENG WAS AFRAID TO GO TO SAVANNAKHET. HOWEVER, PHOUMI AGREED TO DISCUSS MATTER FURTHER WITH TWO MINISTERS TO SEE WHETHER THEY COULD GO TODAY. PRIME MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET TOLD ME THAT SOUVANNA HAD ORDERED THE TWO MINISTERS TO LEAVE FOR SAVANNAKHET.

2. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PLANELOAD OF JOURNALISTS LEFT THIS MORNING FOR SAVANNAKHET AND AT LAST NEWS I RECEIVED ENCOURAGING CALL FROM PRIME MINISTER'S CHEF DE CABINET THAT HE HAD ASKED TWO MINISTERS TO GO THIS AFTERNOON. WE SHALL KEEP YOU POSTED.
CHAPMAN

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